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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. 5400700 (US'700).

Referring to Figs. 1-3 and col. 2, lines 8-55, US'700 discloses a cooker with outer shell 3, cooker bowl 1, and "interlaid backstops" 5 therebetween so as to maintain a "air gap."

Claims 1, 3, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. 6262398 (US'398).

Referring to Fig. 1 and col. 2, lines 2-16, US'700 discloses a cooker with outer shell 12, cooker bowl 14, a plurality of "interlaid backstops" 21 mounted therebetween on the outer shell so as to maintain a "air gap," and the bowl rim resting on the "backstops."

Claims 1, 2, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. 6002111 (US'111).

Referring to Fig. 1 and col. 3, lines 3-37, US'700 discloses a cooker with outer shell 2, cooker bowl 7, a "ring" shaped "interlaid backstop" 4 mounted therebetween on the outer shell so as to maintain a "air gap," and the bowl rim resting on the "backstop."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US'111.

The claim differs from US'111 only in calling for integrating the backstop and shell by "twice molding." However, such does not patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. It would have been obvious to so form the shell/backstop assembly since it has long been a conventional manner of economically constructing a composite of separate plastic components.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US'398.

The claim differs from US'398 only in calling for integrating the backstop and shell by "twice molding." However, as discussed immediately above, it would have been obvious to so form the shell/backstop assembly since it has long been a conventional manner of economically constructing a composite of separate plastic components.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph M Pelham whose telephone number is 571-272-4786. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pelham', written in a cursive style.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER